

BRAIDED ENDOLUMINAL DEVICE HAVING TAPERED FILAMENTS

ABSTRACT

A stent comprising a plurality of continuous filaments braided together, at least one filament comprising a tapered filament having at least one first region having a 5 first, relatively-larger cross-sectional area and at least one second region having a second, relatively-smaller cross-sectional area. The stent itself may have a tapered diameter, such as from one end to the other. A method for treating a lumen with the stent is also claimed